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Gustavo Antonio Gelpí

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1965 Education: Brandeis 1987 BA; Suffolk 1991 JD

Began Service: August 2006

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Juan M. Pérez-Giménez, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1991-1993)

Government: Assistant Public Federal Defender (1993-1996); Special Counsel, United States Sentencing Commission (1996); Assistant to the Attorney General (1997); Deputy Attorney General (1997-1999); Solicitor General of Puerto Rico (1999-2000)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (2001-2006)

Legal Practice: McConnell Valdés Law Firm (2001)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Puerto Rico Bar Association; Virgin Islands Bar Association

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**Note:** Francisco Augusto Besosa has been confirmed as a district judge for the District of Puerto Rico. He will begin his service in October 2006.

Francisco Augusto Besosa

District Judge

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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Jaime Pieras, Jr.

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924 Education: Catholic U 1945 BA; Georgetown 1948 JD

Began Service: 1982 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Attorney, Tourism Bureau of Puerto Rico

Chambers of Senior Judge Jaime Pieras, Jr. continued

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1949-1982)

Military Service: United States Army (1946-1947); Military Intelligence, United States Army Reserve (1949)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Association, National Conference of Federal Trial Judges; District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges' Association; Institute of Judicial Administration; Puerto Rico Bar

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 Term Expires: August 31, 2008

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Raymond L. Acosta

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925

Education: Rutgers (Newark) 1953 LLB

Began Service: 1982

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Corporate: Vice President and Manager, IBEC Real Estate Services Incorporated (1967-1968); Senior Vice President and Trust Officer, Banco Credito y Ahorro Ponceno (1968-1980); Vice President, Banco Popular de Puerto Rico (1980)

Government: Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice (1954-1958); Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1958-1962); United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, United States Department of Justice (1980-1982)

**Legal Practice**: Private Practice (1953-1954); Baker & Woods (1962-1963); Partner, Igaravidez & Acosta (1963-1967)

Military Service: United States Navy (1943-1946)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Puerto Rico Bar Association; Society of Former Special FBI Agents

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## Salvador E. Casellas

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1935 Education: Georgetown 1957 BS; Puerto Rico 1960 LLB; Harvard 1961 LLM Began Service: November 1, 1994 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Secretary of the Treasury, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (1973-1976); Civilian Aide, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Gerald Ford Administration (1985-1989)

Legal Practice: Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1962-1972); Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1977-1994)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962); United States Army Reserve (1963-1967); Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, United States Army (1985-1989)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Puerto Rican Academy of Jurisprudence; Puerto Rico Bar Association

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#### Héctor M. Laffitte

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934

Education: Inter American 1955 BA; Puerto Rico 1958 LLB; Georgetown 1960 LLM

Began Service: August 1983

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Political Affiliation: Republican

Legal Practice: Hartzell, Fernandez & Novas (1959-1964); Private Practice (1965-1966); Nachman, Feldstein, Laffitte & Smith (1966-1969); Laffitte & Dominquez (1970-1983)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Institute of Judicial Administration

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#### Juan M. Pérez-Giménez

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1941 Education: Puerto Rico 1963 BA; George Washington 1965 MBA; Puerto Rico 1968 LLB

Began Service: 1979

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1971-1975); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1975-1979)

Legal Practice: Associate, Goldman, Antonetti & Davila (1968-1971)

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Justo Arenas

Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: CCNY 1968 BBA; Puerto Rico 1974 JD

Began Service: April 1981 Term Expires: April 2013

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies (1997); Adjunct Professor, Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies (1999)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Juan R. Torruella, United States

District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1976-1978) **Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice

Judicial: Temporary Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire (1992-1993)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1975)

Military Service: United States Army (1968-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association

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Camille L. Velez-Rive

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: February 5, 1968 Education: Puerto Rico JD Began Service: March 22, 2004

Term Expires: March 2012

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